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SUBJECT: ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
EUROPE

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY FROM JEAN MONNET, PRESIDENT
OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE,
THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED APRIL 15, WHICH HE HAS
ADDRESSED TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE,
INFORMING THE MEMBERS OF HIS INTENTION TO CEASE HIS
ACTIVITIES AS PRESIDENT ON MAY 9. THE LETTER WILL BE
RELEASED TO THE PRESS ON APRIL 22.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT: FOR TWENTY YEARS NOW WE HAVE
BEEN WORKING TOGETHER: REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT
AND OPPOSITION PARTIES AND TRADE UNIONS, UNITED IN THE
ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SOME TIME FOR REFLECTION AND
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REST AND I AM IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING A BOOK WHICH

HOPEFULLY WILL HELP TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED - THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE IDEA WHICH HAS BEEN OURS ALL ALONG AND THE PROFOUND REASONS WHICH HAVE PERSUADED OUR COUNTRIES TO UNITE. I INTEND TO CEASE MY ACTIVITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MAY 9TH, THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP THE HIGH AUTHORITY AND POOLING OUR COAL AND STEEL RESOURCES.

4. AT THE MOMENT WHEN I INTENDED TO INFORM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF MY INTENTIONS AND TO ASK THEIR ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE COMMITTEE'S FUTURE, I FELL ILL; MAX KOHNSTAMM AND JACQUES VAN HELMONT, ON MY BEHALF, INFORMED AND CONSULTED THE LONGEST-STANDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

5. TWO CONCLUSIONS EMERGED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED:

6. OURS HAS BEEN THE RARE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE REALIZATION OF WHAT, AT THE OUTSET, WAS NO MORE THAN AN IDEA, BUT IS NOW BECOMING A LIVING REALITY: THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR ERA - THE UNION OF THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF EFFECTIVE ACTION, ALONGSIDE THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS, TO BRING TOGETHER THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE IN FREEDOM, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE WOUND UP ON MAY 9, 1975.

7. MANY OF YOU CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE VALUABLE PERSONAL TIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CREATED WITHIN OUR COMMITTEE OVER THE YEARS. MAX KOHNSTAMM WILL BE WRITING TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT. HE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT IT TO M. TINDEMANS WHO IS PREPARING THE REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNITY REQUESTED BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

8. NOW THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE ARE COMING TO AN END, TOGETHER WITH MAX KOHNSTAMM AND JACQUES VAN HELMONT, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP YOU HAVE GIVEN US. YOURS SINCERELY, JEAN MONNET. END TEXT.

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